

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number for The Kingsway School, with effect from September 2020



1. Background

- 1.1 The currently Published Admission Number (PAN) for The Kingsway School is 320. This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school at Year 7 is limited to 320. In 2018 admissions were 252.
- 1.2 Reducing the PAN will assist the Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of the local primary schools.
- 1.3 Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. The Kingsway School is part of Abney Trust and the school's Local Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

2. Specific Proposal

2.1 The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 320 to 270 with effect from September 2020.

2.2 This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2020 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 270. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remain at 320 as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

2.3 Factors that have been considered by the Governing Body in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement
- Future resource planning and management
- The capacity of the school buildings and site and resources management will be more effective

2.4 The Kingsway School would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future.

3. Who is being consulted?

3.1 This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

4. How to respond

- 4.1 This consultation will run until Monday 31st December 2018. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above through the admissions consultaion survey, any queries about the proposal can be submitted to The Kingsway School via consultation@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk or to Judith Castledine, c/o The Kingsway School, Foxland Road, Stockport, SK8 4QX.
- 4.2 Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2020 will be determined by 28th February 2019 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15th May 2019.

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